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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 5 of the Application with the following amended paragraph:

As stated above, the terminal 20 is capable of branding the strip of reactive coating material 14 in the manner illustrated in Fig. 3. Specifically, the cancellation device 34 includes a device 36 which, when processing lottery tickets 10 having a strip of thermally reactive coating material 14, applies heat to the strip 14. In such a case the device 36 can embody a thermal print head, for example. Conversely, when processing lottery tickets 10 having chemically reactive coating material, the device 36 applies a chemical to the strip 14. In a further alternative, when processing lottery tickets 10 having chemically reactive coating material, the device 36 may apply a radiant energy to the chemically reactive coating. It is contemplated that the device 36 of the described lottery terminal 20 is capable of only applying heat, or a chemical, but not both. However certainly such a device 36 is feasible to persons having skill in the art.